

### REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted simultaneously with filing of the above identified application.

With the present Amendment applicants have amended the specification to bring it in compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Patent Practice, in particular to provide corresponding headings and to eliminate references to the claims.

Some claims have been amended as well to more clearly define the present invention and to bring it in compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Patent Practice.

Consideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be

carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue.  
Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,

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